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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

APPLICANT: Hartwin Weber, et al.  
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INVENTION: "MARKER FOR USE IN A MAGNETIC  
ANTI-THEFT SECURITY SYSTEM"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that a citation and examination of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-identified application.

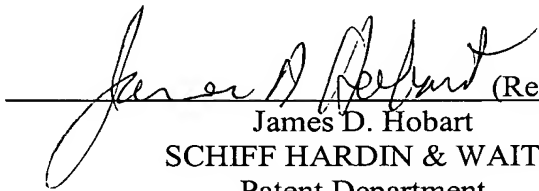
**R E M A R K S**

During prosecution of the two parent applications Serial No. 09/269,490 and 10/371,894, U.S. Patents 4,743,890; 4,945,339; 6,157,301 and 6,166,636 were either cited by the Examiner or presented in an Information Disclosure Statement. Also, European 0,121,649; 0,316,811 were made of record along with GB 2,140,099, WO 90/03652 and an article by Tokuyoshi and an article by Wieser et al. Copies of the two articles, the International Publication, the British Publication, the two European Publications and the four U.S. Patents are attached herewith for the Examiner's review. The corresponding German application had a search report dated June 23, 1998, which in addition to citing the above-mentioned European, WO and US Patent 4,945,339 also cited German 3545647, which is the basis from which US. Patent 4,743,890 claimed priority. A copy of the Office Action as well as the German reference are also attached herewith for the Examiner's review.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable over the teachings of these 11 references and allowable.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed less than three months after the filing date of September 26, 2003 for the application, it is respectfully submitted that no government fees are required for the Examiner to consider these 11 references.

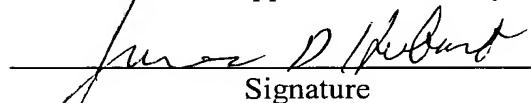
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate
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	AB	4,945,339	07/31/90	Yamauchi et al.			
	AC	6,157,301	12/05/00	Radeloff et al			
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**OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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AS	"Connetion between Structure and Magnetic Properties of a Magnetically Semi-Permanent FE-Ni-Al-Ti Alloy," Wieser et al., Phys. Stat. Sol. (a), Vol. 63 (1981) pgs 487-494.
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